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Patent Application of

Takuma Akagi

Application No. 10/813,526

Confirmation No.: 6149

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“PATTERN STRING MATCHING
APPARATUS AND PATTERN STRING
MATCHING METHOD”

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| | TOTAL CLAIMS | 8 | MINUS | 20 | 0 | X \$50 | 0.00 |
| | INDEP. CLAIMS | 2 | MINUS | 3 | 0 | X \$200 | 0.00 |
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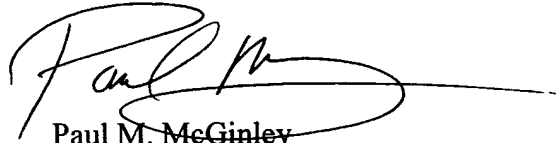
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RESPONSE

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This communication responds to the Office action mailed September 28, 2004 and is filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for reply. No extension of time is necessary. Please charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1965.

Please amend the application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 11 of this paper.